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# Lighthouse

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The Coquille River Lighthouse, built in 1896 by the Federal government and now leased to Oregon state as part of Bullard's Beach State Park, was recently renovated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The lighthouse, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, had been heavily damaged by vandals over the past few years. With the state sharing equally in the cost, the restoration included work on the roof and stairways, repairs to windows, concrete work, minor landscaping and painting.

The popular tourist attraction helped guide vessels into the Coquille River until 1939 when it was replaced by an automatic light. The lighthouse is the focal point of all jetty and ocean activities in the area.

The lighthouse received an Award of Merit in the Chief of Engineers Design and Environmental Awards Program. This program is intended to recognize excellence in the design of, or environmental achievement related to, recently completed structures or area developments by the Corps of Engineers field operating activities and their professional design contract firms.



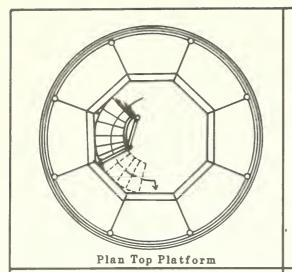


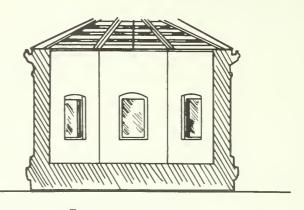




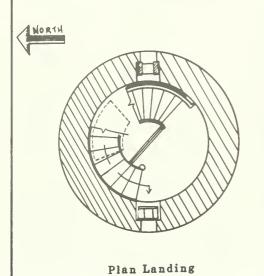
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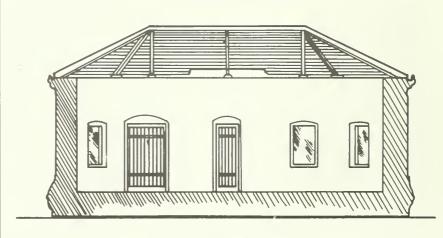
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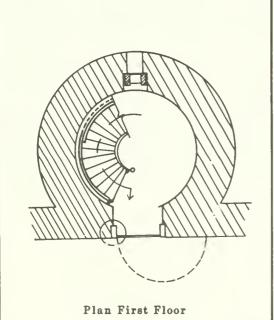


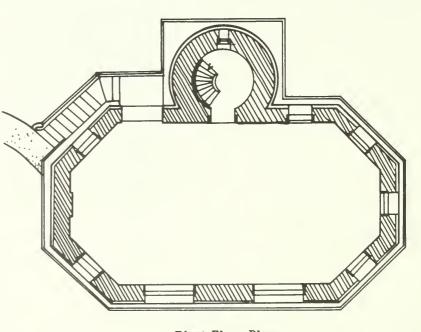
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# Ranger Station

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The St. Paul District Corps of Engineers designed this ranger station which is located at Cross Lake, Crow Wing County, Minnesota. The building is occupied only during the summer months and there was no need for plumbing. Special consideration was given to providing a clear line of sight for incoming traffic plus a central location for the ranger to operate inside the building.

Further, the station was to be close to the entrance and exit roads, have a public phone that could be used when the station

was closed and have areas for prospective campers to wait.

The station is located on top of a small hill. The close trees were not harmed from foundation excavations because an expanded edge slab was all that was necessary. The roof form was chosen for its horizontal lines and low profile.

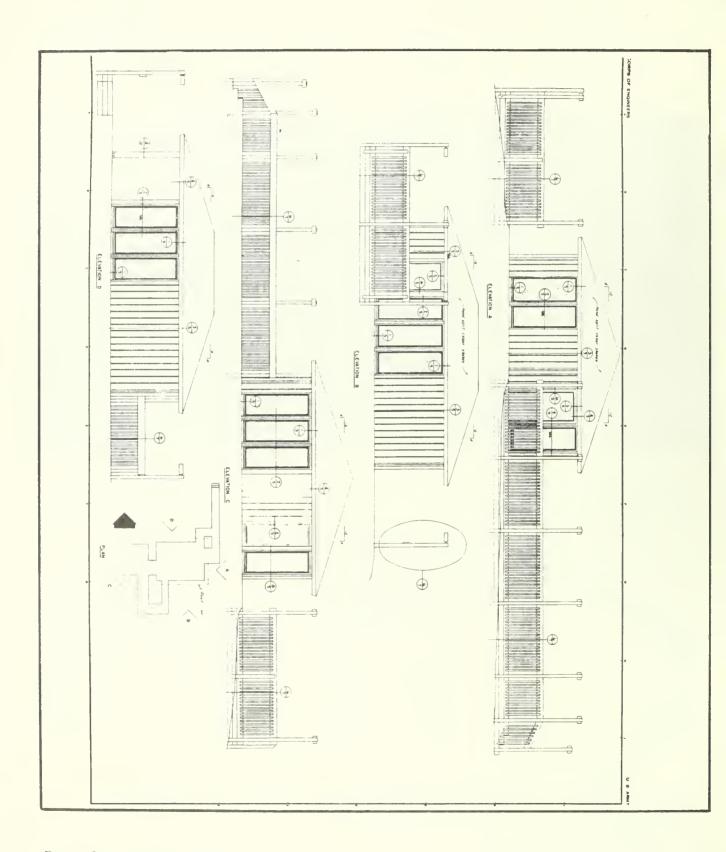
The ceiling is acoustical tile attached to the structural members. Both exterior and interior walls have a wearing surface of rough cedar plywood over a wood frame. The roof is wood framed

with cedar shakes. The floor is a colored, reinforced, concrete slab with an expanded edge, on grade.

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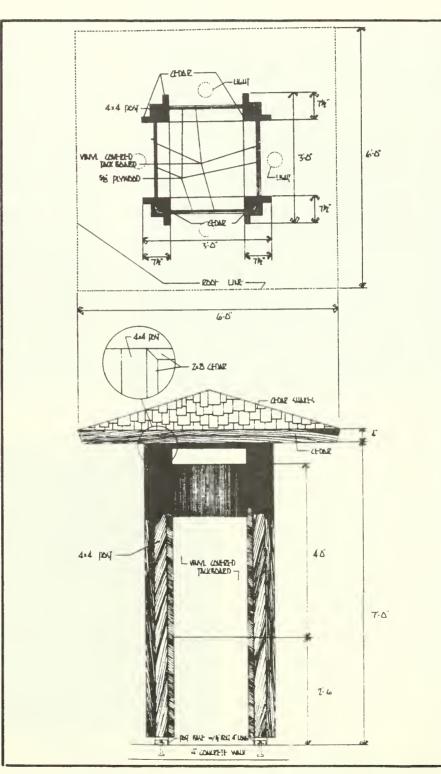


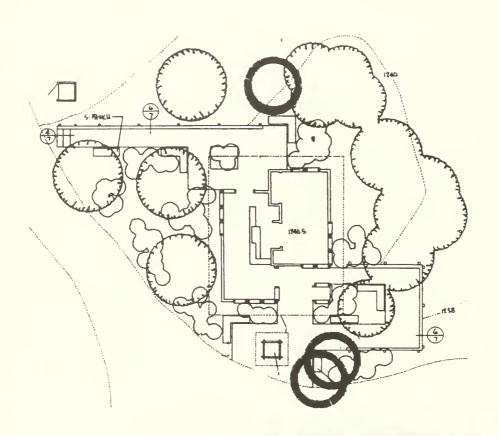
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# **Vault Toilet**

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This vault toilet was designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Portland District and is located at the Corps' Spearfish Lake Day Use Area on the Columbia River in Oregon. It is located in an area of barren rock, dry grass and sage brush typical to the region of the Columbia Gorge.

The foundation is of reinforced concrete. The structure is of wood framed with lap cedar siding and cedar plywood. The roof frames

are covered with a plywood deck with heavy rustic square butt asphalt shingles. The exterior and interior have a light brown stain finish.

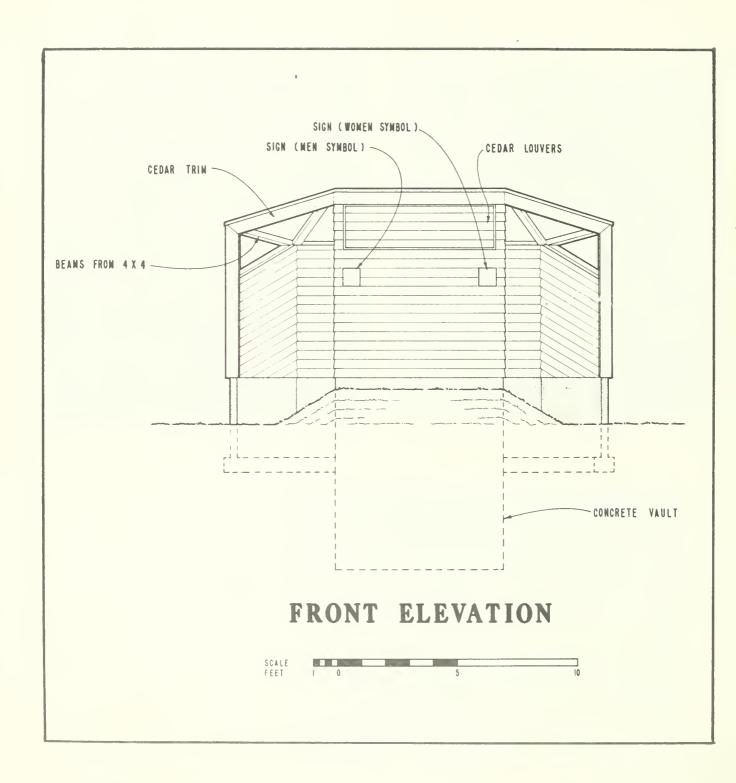
The vault latrine has rectangular skylights to provide natural interior daylight and to reduce vandalism and maintenance.

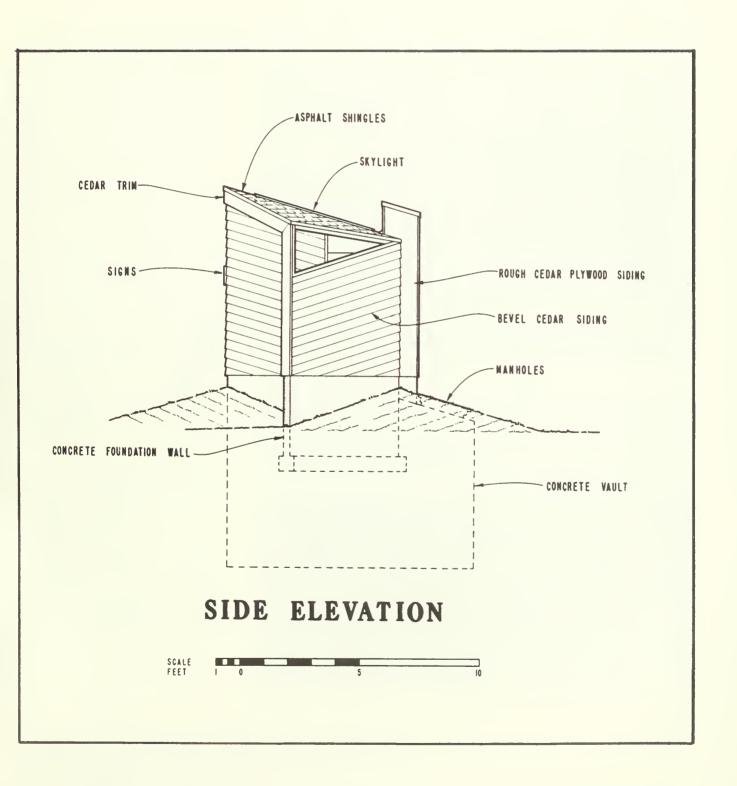
The unique shape of the building was dictated by the attempt to deflect the prevailing wind loads and to blend in with the configuration of basalt outcroppings.

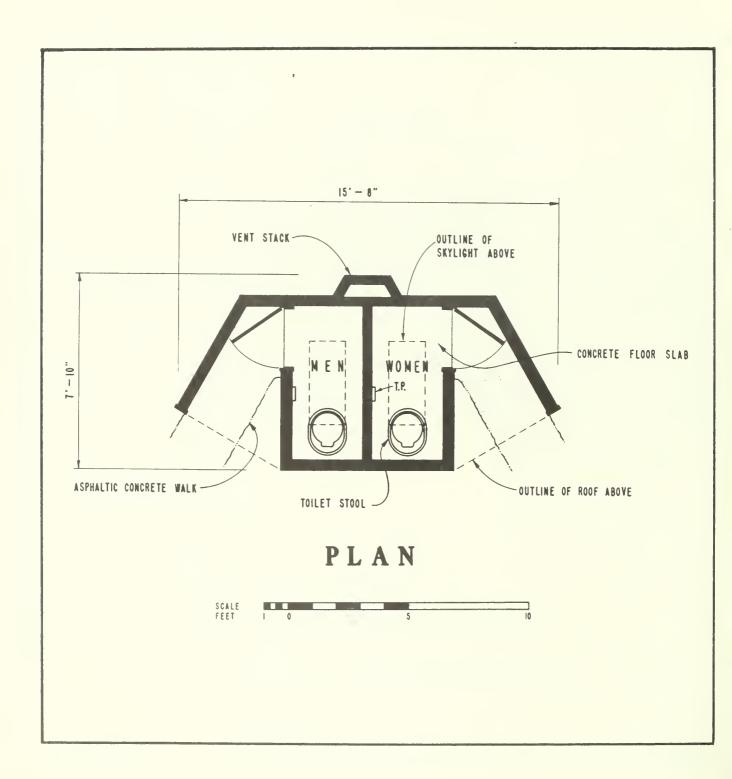
This structure was recognized with an Honorable Mention Award in the Chief of Engineers Design and Environmental Awards Program which is intended to recognize excellence in the design of, or environmental achievement related to, recently completed structures or area developments by the Corps of Engineers field operating activities and their professional design contract firms.

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# **Picnic Shelter**

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This attractive and functional picnic shelter is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Spearfish Lake Day Use Area on the Columbia River in Oregon. It was designed by the Corps' Portland District. The shelters are located in an area of barren rock, dry grass and sage brush typical to the region of the Columbia Gorge.

The foundations of the picnic shelters are concrete slabs. The structures are wood framed with lap cedar siding and cedar plywood. The roof frames are covered with a plywood deck with heavy rustic square butt asphalt shingles. The exterior and interior have a light brown stain finish.

The unique shape of the shelters was dictated by the attempt to deflect the prevailing wind loads and to blend in with the configuration of basalt outcroppings.

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